



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Public Notice

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Little Calumet River Flood Control and Recreation Project, Stage V-2 Construction

On Sept. 29, 2007, the Corps of Engineers awarded Local Flood Protection Little Calumet River, Indiana Stage V-2 construction contract to Dyer Construction Company, Inc. Weather permitting, work is currently scheduled for completion by 2010. The contractor has started survey work along Hawthorne and River Drive in preparation for the start of clearing and grubbing operations. The contractor plans to drive sheet piling during the winter 2007-2008 season.

Scope of work:

The contractor is responsible for providing all necessary facilities, plants, labor, transportation, materials, and equipment to construct a levee protection systems consisting of approx. 11,755 ft of earthen levee; 360 ft of sheet pile wall; 3,520 ft of floodwall; 810 ft of utility corridor floodwall (option item); two railroad closure structures; 1,600 ft access ramps; 1-270 ft span, one 140 ft span and one 232 ft span pedestrian bridges (option items); 2,100 ft of ditches; 360 ft of drains; one flood control structure constructed in the channel; gateway structures; outlet improvements; and riprap for erosion control, recreation trail, and other work items identified in the bid schedule.

Sequence of events (for next few months):

Over the next month or two, the contractor and local utility companies will prepare the site for construction work. This will involve surveying and laying out of the work limits, the levee centerline, and flood wall alignment. This work will also involve the relocation of utility lines, if needed, to allow the construction to proceed. In general, this work will start at the west end of the project and work toward the east end.

Following the site preparatory work, in late fall/early winter and prior to removing the brush and trees to allow the construction to proceed, Corps of engineers and the contractor will mark the trees which will be saved within the work limits. This activity will also start at the west end of the site and work toward the east. The next major stage of the project will be the installation of steel sheet pile and concrete flood walls. This work should begin in December and proceed through the winter and into spring. Steel sheet pile flood wall construction will begin in the area along South River Drive at the Baring Avenue Pump Station. Then sheet pile floodwalls will be constructed along Hawthorne Avenue and North Drive in Highland. Construction of the Wicker Park sheet pile wall along Hart Ditch will follow.

In late winter or early spring, the contractor will begin to work on the earthen levees. The contractor will start hauling in and placing levee embankment soils on the south side of the river within Wicker Park, along South River Drive, and along Hawthorne Avenue. The contractor may also begin placing earthen levee embankment on the north side of the river in the area between Indianapolis Boulevard and Northcote.

Traffic and other interruptions:

There will most likely be some traffic interruptions during construction work. Every effort will be made to minimize them. The south end of Hawthorne at the sheet pile wall will be open to local traffic only, with possible temporary closures for a few hours to unload materials.

Trucks delivering levee soil to Wicker Park will probably enter the park from Ridge Road and exit on Indianapolis Boulevard. The Wicker Park bike path will be closed during construction. Pending coordination between the contractor and Hammond public works, access to deliver soil for the South River Drive/Hawthorne levee will be off of Northcote, through Hammond. Every effort will be made to comply with the local ordinance.

Points of contact: Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience. Please direct questions and/or comments to Lynne Whelan, Corps of Engineers, Public Affairs Office, at (312) 846-5330, or Imad Samara, Corps of Engineers, Project Management Branch, at (312) 846-5560.